## **Central Scrub Project**

- Initiated scoping in March 2013
- Project Area covers 45,000 acres in 26 compartments
- Similar to past sand pine timber harvest EAs though more acres in larger project area

	EA Project	Approximate Acres				Approximate Miles		
DN date		Harvest sand pine		·	No sale, plant	·	New Level 2	Other
		Manage sand pine	Manage scrub oak	sand pine	longleaf	Level 1 & 2	Level 2	
10/2009	South Ocala Scrub	2,400	50	100		64	2.4	
4/2011	Hog Valley Scrub	3,000	0	400	15	60	20	
12/11	Florida scrub-jay chopping			900				Chop 2,400 acres - manage as scrub oak
3/2013	19&40 Scrub	4,900	540	200	250	70	11	Blue Sink Watershed work
Estimated 3/2014	Central Scrub-ALT 1	5,900	800	200	0	80	11	Change 14 miles Seasonal to Yearround.
	Central Scrub-ALT 2	5,200	1,100	50	0	80	11	Big Prairie/Long Pond Watershed work – relocate road out of prairie/pond margin. Change 14 miles Seasonal to Yearround

## Alternative 1

Acres	Central Scrub Treatments			Comments
5236	Harvest sand pine	After harvest, treat by roller drum choppers and/or prescribe burn	Seed sand pine	
789	Harvest sand pine	After harvest, prescribe burn	Manage as scrub oak	Scrub Jay Management Area, C247,248
208	Prepare for seeding with roller drum choppers	Prescribe burn	Seed sand pine	
665	Harvest sand pine	Restrict harvesting to late summer/fall	Natural regeneration for sand pine	Old WWII Bombing Range, no ground penetrating activities allowed

## Alternative 2

Acres	Central Scrub Treatments			Comments
4457	Harvest sand pine	After harvest, treat by roller drum choppers and/or prescribe burn	Seed sand pine	
1123	Harvest sand pine	After harvest, prescribe burn	Manage as scrub oak	Scrub Jay Management Area, in C247,248 and scrub west of Long Pond, east of FS Rd 05.
54	Prepare for seeding with roller drum choppers	Prescribe burn	Seed sand pine	
751	Harvest sand pine	Restrict harvesting to late summer/fall	Natural regeneration for sand pine	Old WWII Bombing Range, no ground penetrating activities allowed

## • Resource coordination includes:

- o Water –generally 35 foot buffer-- only three harvest units are adjacent to a water body
- T&E Plants TSA would coordinate with the botanist/wildlife biologist about the placement of log landings and skid trails
- o T&E animals usual constraints on chopping, usual protection for indigo snakes, gopher tortoises, striped newts
- NNIS washing equipment, treat known locations prior to treatments
- o Recreation –OHV Trail coordination, LAM and 100-Mile Horse Trail
- Scenic 100-foot slash treatment zone next to paved roads
- Road decommissioning utilize cut material from harvesting and treatments when possible to obliterate unauthorized roads and decommission system roads

Miles	Road Work-to support harvesting	Miles	Changes to Road System
14.9	Road Reconstruction	65	Decommission Level 1 Roads
	Road Construction - temporary	15	Decommission Level 2 Roads
		11	Add Level 2 Roads
		6	Add Level 1 Roads
		0.7	Relocate OHV Trail
		14	Change Seasonal to Yearround
		5	Change designation on Forest System roads